REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	12 October 1998
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Auckland
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Young-ma.txt
Other Known Titles:	Young-map.txt
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Stated
Format:	Computer Print-out
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Not Applicable.	Running time:
Trailers:		Running time:
		Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

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Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer print-out entitled *Young-ma.txt* is classified as:
Objectionable.

This is because the publication promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The publication is a computer print-out of a text file. It is a story consisting of explicit descriptions of sexual activity between a 14 year old male and other boys from his high school. The sexual activity is described in a manner intended to titillate the reader.

The youth and sexual inexperience of the participants are key elements in the story. The story is subtitled "A Story of a Young Man's Introduction to Life", and the narrator emphasises that these are amongst his first sexual experiences. The fact of his youth is reinforced through his description of his physical characteristics and reference to his school and sporting pursuits. The unsophisticated nature of the language used indicates that the story could in fact have been written by a young person. The publication promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes because the reader is intended to be titillated by descriptions of young persons engaging in sexual activity, and is encouraged to see these persons as suitable participants in sexual activity.

This publication is deemed objectionable under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. Section 3(2) provisions are inconsistent with and override the rights and freedoms set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

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